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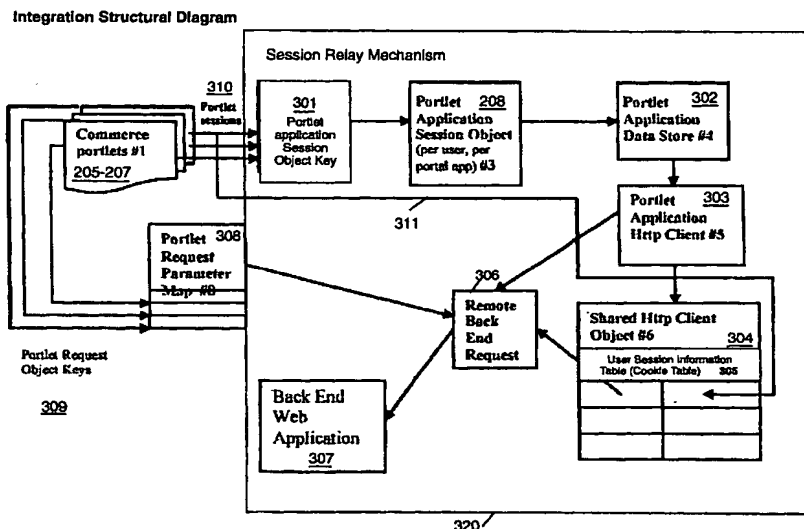
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- (57) Abstract:** The invention provides apparatus and methodology for displaying to a user a web portal for a web application, the web portal displaying a plurality of associated portlets, sharing information with each other, accessible by the user; including: a portal server for operating a web portal to provide access to the web application; a portlet application for operating on the portal server, for managing a collection of associated portlets; the portlet application includes: means to initiate portlets on requests of a user to access the web application; means to manage a portlet application session object for the portlets; and, a portlet application session object data store controlled by the portlet application session object for saving parameters from user requests for associating the portlets with the with the portlet application session object.



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